

Remarks

Claims 6-16 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 12-16 are indicated as having allowable subject matter. Claim 6 has been amended. Figure 1 has been amended. Claim 12 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and re-examination of the application is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.

1. The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner stated that in claim 6, lines 6-7 and claim 13, lines 5-6, the feature “a rear end arranged on an outside surface of the shielding shell” is not shown in the drawings.

A proposed drawing correction of Figure 1 has been submitted to clarify that the rear end 56 (also shown in Figure 4(A)) of the latching arm 44 is arranged on an outside surface of the shielding shell 4 as described in the claims and on page 10, lines 18-29 and page 11, line 19 to page 12, line 2 of the specification. In view of the proposed drawing correction, removal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

2. The Examiner has objected to claims 6-16 for being unclear. Specifically, the Examiner stated that in claim 6, lines 6-7 and claim 13, lines 5-6, it is unclear how the latch arms has “a rear end arranged on an outside surface of the shielding shell.”

As previously discussed, a proposed drawing correction of Figure 1 has been submitted to clarify that the rear end 56 (also shown in Figure 4(A)) of the latching arm 44 is arranged on an outside surface of the shielding shell 4 as described on page 10, lines 18-29 and page 11, line 19

to page 12, line 2 of the specification. In view of the proposed drawing correction, the features of the claims are clear and removal of the objection to claims 6-16 is respectfully requested.

3. The Examiner has rejected claims 6-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S Patent No. 5,564,939 issued to Maitani et al.

Claim 6 has been amended to contain all the claim limitations of dependent claim 12, which has been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if re-written in independent form to include all the elements of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 12 has been cancelled. Because all of the claim limitations of claim 12 and its intervening claims has been added to claim 6, Maitani et al. does not teach all of the claim limitations of claim 6. Removal of the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-9 and 11 depend from independent claim 6. As previously discussed, Maitani et al. does not teach all of the claim limitations of amended claim 6. Because Maitani et al. does not teach all of the claim limitations of claim 6, Maitani et al. does not teach all of the claim limitations of claims 7-9 and 11. Removal of the rejection of claims 7-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and arguments presented herein, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

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